

ISLES OF SCILLY.ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1937.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present report for the year ending December 31st 1937.

GENERAL STATISTICS:-

<u>AREA</u>	..	..	(acres)	..	4041
<u>POPULATION</u>	..	..	..	..	1642
<u>NUMBER OF FAMILIES or SEPARATE OCCUPIERS.</u>	..	..	..	..	482
<u>NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES</u>	..	..	..	..	465
<u>RATEABLE VALUE</u>	..	..	..	..	5171
<u>SUM REPRESENTED BY 1d. RATE</u>	..	..	..	..	£20

GENERAL OCCUPATIONS OF INHABITANTS: -

Horticulture, agriculture, fishing and catering for visitors.

There is practically no constant unemployment.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS:-

<u>LIVE BIRTHS:-</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u>
Legitimate	17	11	6	
Illegitimate	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	
Total ..	17	11	6	10.30

<u>DEATHS :-</u>				<u>Death Rate</u>
Total ..	17	8	9	10.30

Number of women dying in or as  
result of childbirth

Sepsis .. Nil  
Other Causes .. Nil

Deaths of Infants under 1 year  
per 1000 live births.

1 death.

Deaths from : -

Cancer (all ages)	2.
Measles (all ages)	Nil.
Whooping Cough	Nil.
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	Nil.





## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR AREA.

Plans are well advanced for the erection of a small Emergency Hospital incorporating new living accommodation for the two district Nurses. The site is to be in the neighbourhood of Buzza Hill. The Hospital will provide two wards, an x ray room and an operating room for emergency. The x ray apparatus has already been acquired and is proving both useful and efficient. An excellent Motor Ambulance has been presented to the Islands and garaged opposite Carn Thomas Schools.

The inauguration of telephonic communication to the mainland and the Air Service to St. Just must be mentioned for their contribution to public health. By means of the Air Service it is now possible to reach Penzance Hospital in little over half an hour from St. Mary's. For a sick person this saving of time and discomfort must prove of immense benefit.

### SANITARY:-

#### Water Supply..

I am glad to understand that plans are being made to lay new water mains and incorporate a chlorinating plant. This step will remove what has long been a source of anxiety and potential danger.

The quantity has been satisfactory in spite of a prolonged dry season.

#### Drainage.

I understand that plans are being considered to introduce a modern drainage system to Hugh Town. The sewage will be pumped up to the Garrison and discharged into the tide way near Morning Point. The old drains along the town beach will then be disused. In view of the number of justifiable complaints that are made about the drains, this proposal is a most welcome one and the scheme will remedy a very objectionable feature of the town.

### HOUSING:-

A large number of householders complain of the dampness of their Houses and of ill health resulting therefrom. Conditions are gradually being improved by the remedy of defects where possible and by the erection of new dwellings.

### BAKE-HOUSES AND SLAUGHTER HOUSES:-

Inspected regularly and found to be satisfactory.

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Tuberculosis:- There was one non-pulmonary case which was fatal (Mainland)

Cancer:- There were two deaths during the year. All treatable cases are referred to the mainland.





PORT MEDICAL AUTHORITY.1. Amount of Shipping Entering the Port during the Year 1937TABLE A.

Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number reported to be defective	No. of Vessels on which defects remedied	No. of Vessels reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
		By the M.O.H.	By the Sanitary Inspector			
<u>FOREIGN:-</u>						
Steam	1	656	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Motor	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sail:	14	1096	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Fish:	35	735	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
<hr/>						
Total.	50	2487	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
<hr/>						
<u>COASTWISE:-</u>						
Steam	201	33634	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Motor	10	912	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Sail:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fish:	-	-	-	-	-	-
<hr/>						
Total.	211	34546	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
<hr/>						
TOTAL.						
Foreign and Coastwise	261	37033	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

11. Character of Trade of Port.TABLE B.(a) Passenger Traffic during 1937

No passengers landed from foreign during 1937.

Countries from which passengers principally arrive.. Coastwise.

95 1st class passengers landed from Passenger Vessel cruising round British Coast

(b) Cargo Traffic.

Principal imports

Boxwood and General

Principal exports.

Market Produce and Fish





Countries with which the port principally trades. The trade at the port of Scilly is mainly Coasting Trade between the Islands and Penzance. There is a small foreign trade in Crayfish to Camaret and Morlaix in France.

### 111. Source of Water Supply.

- (a) For the port .. .. Town Water Supply
- (b) For shipping .. .. do
- (c) Number of water boats and their sanitary condition .. Nil.

### 1V. Infectious Diseases.

Infectious Diseases, informed by local Customs Authorities

All Vessels from foreign are boarded on arrival by the Customs Authorities at the approved boarding station.

Isolation. Local town arrangements only.

The local ambulance (hand propelled) is available at all times. In addition there is now a motor ambulance (1937)

### MOORING STATIONS:-

Mooring Stations for 'infected' or 'Suspected' Ships as established by the Port Sanitary Authority, 15th December 1933.

- A. That part of St. Mary's Roadstead as lies between an imaginary line drawn from Crow Point (Tresco) to the Newman (St. Mary's), on the East side, and an imaginary line drawn from Nut Rock to the Steval on the West side, and as far away from St. Mary's pier as the draught of the Ship being moored therein will with safety allow.

#### B. Additional Station.

That part of St. Mary's Roadstead lying outside and to the West of the imaginary line drawn from Nut Rock to the Steval, and as near the Southern Wells point of the Island of Samson as the draught of the vessel being moored therein will allow of her being anchored with safety.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Signed .. J. C. S. WELLS.

...the ...  
...the ...  
...the ...

### ... ..

... ..  
... ..  
... ..

### ... ..

... ..  
... ..  
... ..  
... ..  
... ..  
... ..

### ... ..

... ..  
... ..  
... ..  
... ..  
... ..  
... ..  
... ..

### ... ..

... ..  
... ..  
... ..  
... ..  
... ..

... ..

... ..